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1. IT IS TRUE AS DAYAN SAYS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS TO MEET WITH DAYAN IN NEW YORK, EVEN WITH WALDHEIM PRESENT. A PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A MEETING COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE OPPOSED BY PRIME MINISTER HOSS AND LEBANESE MUSLIM LEADERS IN GENERAL, BOTH CONSERVATIVE AND LEFTIST, AS WELL AS BY THE SYRIANS.

2. IN VIEW OF BOUTROS' COMMITMENT REGARDING THE LEBANON-ISRAEL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO US AND TO URQUHART, WE DO NOT SEE WHY A BOUTROS-DAYAN MEETING WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ARRANGE A REVIVAL OF ILMAC MEETINGS. WE ASSUME THAT EITHER THEY ISRAELIS OR THE LEBANESE CAN NOW REQUEST ANOTHER ILMAC MEETING ANYTIME THEY WANT THROUGH THE PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED REGULAR UN CHANNEL, ILMAC CHAIRMAN COL. ESPINASSY. THE
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PROBLEM ON THE LEBANESE SIDE IS TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION TO THE MEETINGS ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE. IF A MEETING IS HELD SOON AND SOME BUSINESS IS SATISFACTORILY ACCOMPLISHED, THE PARTIES COULD BUILD ON ANY SUCH MODEST SUCCESS AND ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF THE MEETINGS TO WHATEVER DEGREE THE LEBANESE ARE

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